

Everyone involved in providing services to children and young people has a desire and a responsibility to secure the five outcomes of the Every Child Matters framework.

- **Be healthy.**
- **Stay safe.**
- **Enjoy and achieve.**
- **Make a positive contribution.**
- **Achieve economic wellbeing.**

Schools have a key role to play in delivering the core offer of universal services which gives the framework for delivering the five outcomes. Schools are the 'hub' of universal multi-agency services, either by providing opportunities themselves, or by working with other Children's Trust partners including health, the police, Connexions and the private, voluntary and independent sector to provide them.

A number of schools in Devon have been delivering extended services for some time, and they know that children's wellbeing and high educational standards go hand in hand. They know that by working in partnership with other children's services professionals and, in particular with parents, that they can enable children and young people to fulfil their potential.

The core offer of the **Extended Services in and around Schools (ESS)** agenda gives schools a structure that can help identify areas of activity and development which will best meet the needs of their community and secure progress towards the five outcomes.

The core offer is vital to school improvement. Recent research suggests that children and young people who are in schools that are extending the services they provide, are making faster gains than those who are attending schools which offer a smaller range of services.

Sustainable extended schools services are shaped by those who use and provide them, so that they best meet the needs of the community and benefit from ownership and commitment. Breakfast and after-school clubs, high quality childcare, input from specialist services, parenting support programmes and a good range of beyond the classroom activities all contribute to improving children's skills, confidence, behaviour, health and achievement.

The services provided through the ESS core offer build on the services provided by children's centres and give a link into the Youth Offer to deliver universal services from pre-birth to age 19+. These developments together will make sure that children and young people have improved life chances, and that parents get the support they need.

